

SAMPLE (exerpt) of NOTES: THE THIN BLUE LINE (Errol Morris)

SOURCE	TYPE OF EVIDENCE	NOTES, QUOTES, PARAPHRASE	CLAIM	STYLE NOTES
Credits	ART	Thin Blue Line Philip Glass Errol Morris		EDITING MUSIC, CLOSE-UP/ANGLE white red/blue blue in title: "blue" shown in RED.
film footage	art	radio tower, night skyline - got a job "good" there night "everything clicked"	On another sheet or in another column ARGUMENT/FACT need to be convinced of?	lights, blinking red top of buildings
? ? A.	inart	OCTOB. came to Dallas from Ohio → CA "it's as if I was meant to be here"	things were destined/planned	slow build-up of opening music
David ? B.	inart	had run away before "This all started, David's running away from home" "ended up coming to Dallas"	events were random	stream of consciousness wearing orange jumpsuit
A.		On the way home ran out of gas "a person, at that time..." Thanksgiving week stopped and	importance of certain words, PHRASES, DETAILS (direct quotations) Morris: Convergence	slow change in music pace
Aerial photo (Dallas?)	art	driving down some st somewhere		edit narrative of the testimony converges
Dallas map	art	I think held on out of gas "ended up following"	Also notice SHIFTS in structure in the narrative, pacing, visuals, etc.	closing in as if central on Dallas
B.		mentions picks up		
Drive In Marqui				

THE THIN BLUE LINE NOTES Cont'd.

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REENACT red/blue lights. red lights → police car 2 police officer gunshots	ART TIME STAMP 2:50	Why did I meet this kid? why... at this time? I dunno but it happened		
diagrams report copy of autopsy photo jacket	INART	2 police officer gun shots dead policeman more gun shots, from police lady entry points, skull "Bevel in"	*TRACK CLAIMS OF SOURCES AND of FILM MAKER woman police off. (Morris) 1 shooting	close on lights open up show police suddenness of gun shots hear car succeed
Newspaper article photo of police officer (professional format)	INART	Robert Wood 12:30 am 11/29/76	dead police officer close-up	
12/22/76 R.A. reenact. interrogation		picked me up Dec 21st "he said that I would sign it"	DIRECT also notice IMPLICIT CLAIMS, CLAIMS not directly related to facts of the case; (e.g. she was one of the 1st female police officers)	

GATHER KEY
DETAILS +
SPECIFICS